



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------

08/821,424 03/21/97 SAWABE

T 041465-5037

MORGAN LEWIS AND BOCKIUS
1800 M STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20036-5869

LM02/0521

EXAMINER

CHEVALIER E

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

5

2712

DATE MAILED:

05/21/99

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Office Action Summary

Application No. 08/821,424	Applicant(s) Sawabe et al
Examiner Robert Chevalier	Group Art Unit 2712

Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 21, 1997

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

--- SEE OFFICE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES ---

Art Unit:2712

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cookson et al.

Cookson et al discloses a video recording/reproducing apparatus that shows all the limitations recited in claims 1, and 2, including the feature of generating processed partial record information blocks each composed of a plurality of predetermined units (See Cookson et al's column 36, lines 33-42), the feature of generating and outputting recording position information which is to be recorded by each of predetermined reproductions units composing the information units, the recording position information indicating recording positions on the information record medium of said reproduction units corresponding to reproduction times of the partial record information blocks within a predetermined range before and after the respective one of the reproduction units on an axis of reproduction time of each of the partial record information blocks (See Cookson et al's column 36, lines 43-45), the feature of recording the processed partial record information blocks multiplexed with the recording position information as specified in the present claims 1, and 2. (See Cookson et al's column 2, lines 58-64).

Art Unit:2712

With regard to claims 2, and 5, the feature of the partial record information blocks including at least video information which are to be reproduced at same one reproduction time on the axis of reproduction time, and each of which comprises respective one of said video information regarding same one object taken from different viewpoints from each other as specified therefore is present in the cited reference of Cookson since Cookson et al discloses a plurality of versions of the same one movie or of the same one scene. (See Cookson et al's claim 1).

With regard to claims 3, and 6, the feature of the producing apparatuses having different setting modes as specified thereof would be present in Cookson et al since Cookson et al discloses that the user can set the reproduction mode to one of the plurality of versions recorded on the recording medium. (See Cookson et al's claim 2).

With regard to claim 7, the feature of the reproducing apparatus including the capability of detecting and demodulating the recording position information and the processed partial record information blocks from the record medium and extracting the recording position information and outputting a control signal on the basis of the extracted recording position information as specified thereof is present in the cited reference of Cookson et al. (See Cookson et al's Figure 2, component 47, and the corresponding disclosure).

Claims 8-9 recite substantially the same limitations recited in claims 2-3 and are therefore rejected under the same rationale.

Art Unit:2712

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bob Chevalier whose telephone number is (703) -305-4780.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

(703) 308-9051, (for formal communication intended for entry)

or:

(703) 308-5359, (for informal or draft communications, please label
“PROPOSED” or “DRAFT”)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,
Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Application/Control Number: 08/821424

Page 5

Art Unit:2712

Robert Chevalier
ROBERT CHEVALIER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

B. Chevalier

May 19, 1999